

standard, designated "Draft FIPS 140-2," is proposed to supersede FIPS 140-1.

FIPS 140-1, first published in 1994, specified that it be reviewed within five years. In 1998, NIST solicited public comments on reaffirming the standard. The comments received by NIST supported maintaining the standard. The comments also supported updating the standard due to advances in technology. The proposed revision (Draft FIPS 140-2) is now available for public review and comment.

Prior to the submission of this proposed standard to the Secretary of Commerce for review and approval, it is essential that consideration is given to the needs and views of the public, users, the information technology industry, and Federal, State and local government organizations. The purpose of this notice is to solicit such views.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before February 15, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be sent to: Chief, Computer Security Division, Information Technology Laboratory, Attention: Comments on Draft FIPS 140-2, 100 Bureau Drive—Stop 8930, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-8930.

Electronic comments may also be sent to: "Proposed140-2@nist.gov."

Copies of the current FIPS 140-1 and its proposed replacement, Draft FIPS 140-2, are available from the Computer Security Division, Information Technology Laboratory, 100 Bureau Drive—Stop 8930, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-8930. They are also available electronically at: <http://csrc.nist.gov/fips/>. Comments received in response to this notice will be published electronically at <http://csrc.nist.gov/cryptval/>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Ray Snouffer, Computer Security Division, 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 8930, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-8930, telephone (301) 975-4436.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FIPS 140-1, Security Requirements for Cryptographic Modules, first issued in 1994, identifies requirements for four security levels for cryptographic modules to provide for a wide spectrum of data sensitivity (e.g., low value administrative data, million dollar funds transfers, and life protecting data), and a diversity of application environments. Over 60 modules have been tested by accredited private-sector laboratories and validated to-date as conforming to this standard. The

standard provided that it be reviewed within five years to consider its continued usefulness and whether new or revised requirements should be added.

A notice was published in the **Federal Register** (Volume 63, Number 205) on October 23, 1998, soliciting public comments on reaffirming the standard. The comments (available at <http://csrc.nist.gov/cryptval/>) supported reaffirmation of the standard, but suggested technical modifications to address advances in technology since the standard was originally issued. Using these comments, NIST prepared by Draft FIPS 140-2.

Authority: NIST's activities to develop computer security standards to protect Federal sensitive (unclassified) systems are undertaken pursuant to specific responsibilities assigned to NIST in section 5131 of the Information Technology Management Reform Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104-106), the Computer Security of 1987 (Pub. L. 100-235), and Appendix III to Office of Management and Budget Circular A-130.

Dated: November 11, 1999.

Karen H. Brown,

Deputy Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology; Meeting

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of partially closed meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, notice is hereby given that the Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), will meet Tuesday, December 7, 1999 from 8:15 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology is composed of fifteen members appointed by the Director of NIST; who are eminent in such fields as business, research, new product development, engineering, labor, education, management consulting, environment, and international relations. The purpose of this meeting is to review and make recommendations regarding general policy for the Institute, its organization, its budget, and its programs within the framework of applicable national

policies as set forth by the President and the Congress. The agenda will include an update on NIST programs; a presentation by the Manufacturing Extension Partnership Advisory Board Chair; a presentation by one of the Visiting Committee members on the Future of E-Business; an indepth review of the Manufacturing Engineering Laboratory; and an indepth review of the Materials Science and Engineering Laboratory. Discussions scheduled to begin at 8:15 a.m. and to end at 9:15 a.m. on December 7, 1999, on staffing of management positions at NIST and the NIST budget, including funding levels of the Advanced Technology Program and the Manufacturing Extension Partnership will be closed.

DATES: The meeting will convene December 7, 1999, at 8:15 a.m. and will adjourn at 5:30 p.m. on December 7, 1999.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Employees' Lounge (seating capacity 80, includes 38 participants), Administration Building, at NIST, Gaithersburg, Maryland.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Brian C. Belanger, Executive Director, Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-1004, telephone number (301) 975-4720.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Counsel, formally determined on August 7, 1998, that portions of the meeting of the Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology which involve discussion of proposed funding of the Advanced Technology Program and the Manufacturing Extension Partnership Program may be closed in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B), because those portions of the meetings will divulge matters the premature disclosure of which would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of proposed agency actions; and that portions of meetings which involve discussion of the staffing issues of management and other positions at NIST may be closed in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6), because divulging information discussed in those portions of the meetings is likely to reveal information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Dated: November 10, 1999.

Karen H. Brown,

Deputy Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award Board of Overseers; Meeting

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Board of Overseers of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award on Thursday, December 2, 1999, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The Board of Overseers is composed of eleven members prominent in the field of quality management and appointed by the Secretary of Commerce, assembled to advise the Secretary of Commerce on the conduct of the Baldrige Award. The purpose of this meeting is to give an overview of the 1999 Baldrige Cycle; report from the Judges' Panel; review the program status and plans for 2000; discuss plans/issues and development of Overseers' recommendations; and present recommendations to the Director of NIST.

DATES: The meeting will convene December 2, 1999, at 8:30 a.m. and adjourn at 3:30 p.m. on December 2, 1999.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the National Institute of Standards and Technology, Administration Building, Tenth Floor Conference Room, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Harry Hertz, Director, National Quality Program, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899, telephone number (301) 975-2361.

Dated: November 10, 1999.

Karen H. Brown,

Deputy Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 110999B]

Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements; Public Workshop

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of workshop.

SUMMARY: NMFS will present a workshop on the year 2000 permit requirements for vessels, processors, and cooperatives wishing to participate in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands pollock fishery under the American Fisheries Act (AFA).

DATES: The public workshop will be held on Monday, November 29, 1999, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The workshop will be held at the NMFS Alaska Fisheries Science Center, Building 9, Auditorium, 7600 Sand Point Way, NE., Seattle, WA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sue Salveson, 907-586-7228.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NMFS is considering implementing permit requirements for vessels, processors, and cooperatives wishing to participate in the Bering Sea pollock fishery under the AFA through an emergency rule. The emergency rule would provide participants in the Bering Sea pollock fishery with the opportunity to apply for permits to participate in the fishery prior to its scheduled start on January 20. This action would be necessary to comply with the implementation deadline specified in the AFA.

NMFS is conducting a November 29, 1999, workshop for interested industry members to provide guidance on the AFA permit application process for the year 2000 BSAI pollock fishery. This guidance has been requested by industry given the anticipated short time period between publication of an emergency rule, submission of industry applications in response to an emergency rule, and agency issuance of applicable permits prior to the start of the year 2000 Bering Sea pollock fishery scheduled for January 20, 2000.

Special Accommodations

This workshop will be physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Sue Salveson at

907-586-7228 at least 7 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: November 10, 1999.

Bruce C. Morehead,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Adjustment of import limits for Certain Wool and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in the Dominican Republic

November 9, 1999.

AGENCY: Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs adjusting limits.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 18, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Naomi Freeman, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212. For information on the quota status of these limits, refer to the Quota Status Reports posted on the bulletin boards of each Customs port, call (202) 927-5850, or refer to the U.S. Customs website at <http://www.customs.ustreas.gov>. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, call (202) 482-3715.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended.

The current limit for Category 433 is being increased for special shift, reducing the limit for Category 633 to account for the special shift added.

A description of the textile and apparel categories in terms of HTS numbers is available in the **CORRELATION:** Textile and Apparel Categories with the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (see **Federal Register** notice 63 FR 71096, published on December 23, 1998). Also see 63 FR 63297, published on November 12, 1998.

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

November 9, 1999.

Commissioner of Customs,